(i) The Constitution (Ninety-fifth Amendment) Bill, 2003 - 2 hours.

(ii) The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2000 - 2 hours.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I rise to announce that the Government Business in the House for the week commencing Monday, the 28th April, 2003 will consist of :-

(i) Discussion on the working of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(ii) Consideration and passing of the Electricity Bill, 2003 as passed by Lok Sabha.

(iii) Consideration and Return of the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2003 after it has been passed by Lok Sabha.

[THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Diversion of funds by NTC in Pondicherry

SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU (PONDICHERRY): The National Textiles Corporation is operating the Swadeshi Cotton Mill in Pondicherry. The Mill is functioning as a nationalised unit since 1985. The Centre has invested corpus fund in the Mill through the National Textiles Corporation. Now it has 10,588 spindles and 242 workers. The Mill has suffered a heavy loss due to the hike in the price of inputs, stiff competition in the textile market and also in designs in the textile business. The Centre introduced the Voluntary Retirement Scheme to rehabilitate the Mill in September, 2000. Till March, 2002, 174 employees availed of the scheme.